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Title: Bipolar Plate And Its Use, As Well As A Method For Its Manufacture And An Electrochemical System Containing The Bipolar Plate

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- Second Preliminary Amendment (6 pages)
- Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages) with IDS Form SB/08A (1 page); cover page of basic German appln (1page); Intl Search Rpt (4 pages); Intl Prelim Patentability Report with Amended Claim Sheets (9 pages); and copies of cited foreign patent documents (4 documents)

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As this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is required for consideration of this IDS.

US Publication No. 2003/0162078 A1 was cited in the specification of the subject application.

The following documents were cited in both the International Search Report and the International Preliminary Report on Patentability issued by the EPO in the corresponding International Application:

US 2003/124405; US 2002/064702; US 2003/194595; US 5,863,671;  
and DE 101 62 871.

Copies of both the International Search Report and the International Preliminary Report on Patentability are enclosed and serve as statements of relevance for any of the non-English references.

The basic priority application, DE 10 2004 016 318 A1, cited the following documents:

DE 102 21 951 A1 (corresponds to US 2006/0054664 A1); DE 100 15 360 A1;  
US 2003/0162078 A1; and WO 02/075893 A2.

A copy of the Examination Report issued in the German priority application is enclosed, along with its English translation, and serves as a statement of relevance for any of the non-English references cited.

Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are enclosed herewith, along with Form PTO/SB/08A. It is requested that they be fully considered and made of record in this case.

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